Homegoing Celebration for Rita G. Dorton

Sunrise
September 17, 1951

Sunset
March 16, 2013

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
Roman 10:9 KJV

Friday March 29th, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.
Chapel of the Chimes
4499 Piedmont Ave
Oakland, California
Officiating: *Minister Marvin Webb*

Rita Gayle Dorton

September 17, 1951 – March 16, 2013

Obituary

Rita Gayle Dorton was a woman that wore many hats; mother, sister, daughter, and friend. She switched her hats for a halo as God opened his arms and embraced her soul. Ah, Heaven….A place where the clouds are filled with many familiar faces such as her parents; Alcus and Bernice Dorton, brothers; Butch and Larry Dorton; as they have waited patiently to meet with her again.

Rita graduated from Richmond High School and furthered her academics by receiving her Associates of Arts Degree from Contra Costa College. However, Rita is best known as a comedian in her own right with a boisterous attitude to boot. In her presence a smile is hard to contain. Rita had the uncanny ability to stand even when all around had crumbled down. She is the epitome of strength that was demonstrated by her being a breast cancer survivor for 25 years and battling cancer three times! As a single parent, she wholeheartedly encouraged and supported her late son Brian Lester through the scrutiny of leukemia treatments.

Rita devoted 23 years of service to AC Transit and retired from the company. Not only was she a bus driver, she was a jack of many other trades. She trained many new drivers on how to whip that behemoth of a bus around as if it were a four door sedan. Later in her career she mastered the art of time keeping; counting hours precisely making sure paychecks were correct. Best of all she melted hearts in and out of the gilly room.

Rita has gone on to bigger ventures in clouds as soft as silk and now does the work of the Lord. She will be watching and praying for her daughter Ashley Bradley, sisters; Delores Scott-McClain (Otis), Michelle Dorton, and Gwen Dorton, brothers; Ronald Dorton Sr. (Berney K.), Gary Dorton (Ever), and Eric Dorton. Rita will be watching over her Uncle Raymond (Bobbi), over 15 nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews as well those who have known her as a mother figure.

Rita has also embraced special friends that have become family; such as Bernard Bradley, Joyce Nervis and Louis Nervis Sr. Her work up there will not be easy because as she guards those mentioned above she will be laboring for the Lord.

Now as we shed tears of sorrow remember this, her spirit is in a place of love as she is among family. So as her wishes are to celebrate I ask that you rejoice as she will meet Jesus Christ her Lord and Saviour. She has a new residence that's not here on earth nor can man ever provide.

Rita's favorite Scripture is (Romans 10:9-10 NIV). That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

A Celebration of Life

Officiating

Minister Marvin Webb

Order of Service

Processional……Minister & Family

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Scripture	Psalm 23
New Testament	John 14:1-6

Prayer……Missionary Lennie Brown

Video……Velda Rayon-Carr

Solo……Timesha Lee

Acknowledgements & Condolences……Berney Dorton

Reading of Obituary……Berney Dorton

Solo……Andre' Dorton

Poem……Missionary Lennie Brown

Poem……Ashley Bradley

Solo……Deja Bryson

Special Expressions

-1 minutes-

Words of comfort……Min. Marvin Webb

Parting Views

Recessional

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

A Letter to Our Sister

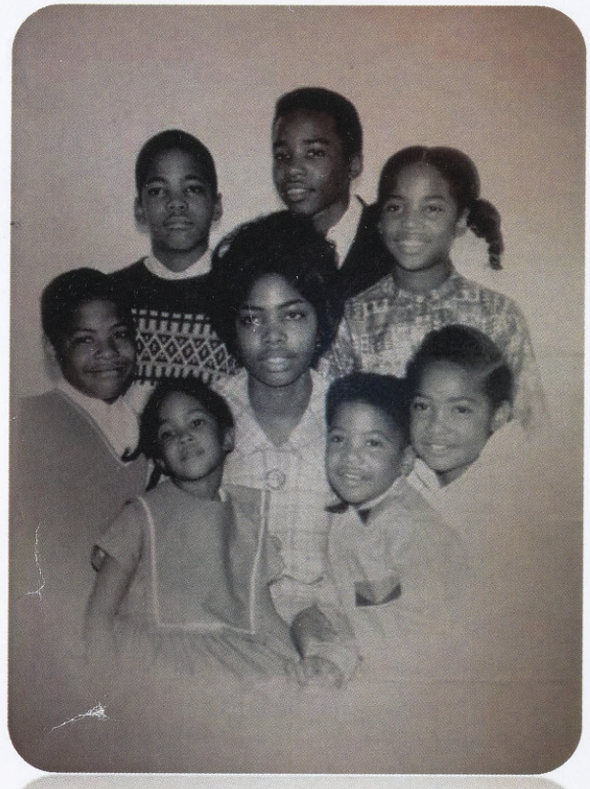
As we grew we bonded making 9 lives become 1. 61 years is a long time to have a person in your life, so forgive me if now I morn my new normal ... A life minus you. Long talks and laughs from the most serious to absolutely nothing. Casino trips as you pick out the "good" slots. Your uncanny ability to bring us all together even when we don't see your vision. The famous speech when any one close to you needs a favor or just plain messes up.

Even when you were down, your strength prevailed. Losing so much physically only had you gain double on blessings. We not only have lost a sister but a friend, a mentor, a confidant, and our plus 1 leaving us at 6.

A sister is your first best friend, your first enemy, the first person you will make up with, the first person you'd do dirt with, the person you tell your secrets to, a sister is irreplaceable as what you are to us. To say we love you is an understatement that you already know. So rest my dear sister and one day you will too see us again.

Love,

3sisters & 3 brothers



You leave my brain empty.
Admired
You stop me in my tracks.
See as I write, the words leave me...DRY.
How can words form to explain my love?
This isn't' his/her love, but mother/daughter vibes.
Lives purposely brought together because of his/her bond.
That "you're my world love, we breath the same love"
My original BFF who had my back love.
The first person to pick me up when I fell love.
You got the best bed in the world love I never want to get out love.
Press each other's buttons like a Nintendo controller love.
See we go far back you the first person I hugged love.
The reason I'm called Ashley love.
Hit me for behaving badly, the hug me right after love.
First person I call when good, bad & indifferent happen kinda love
Until now...
My heart ached as I became caretaker.
However I realized why my brain empties in my tracks when I try to write about you.
Because as you entered this world, your heart felt how mines does as you leave.
Indescribably heavy with all this love.
Beautiful love, amazing love, beyond words love, just plain and simple love.

-NOONIE

Red & White Fleet
ALCATRAZ

Active Pallbearers

Louis Nervis Jr.
Andre' Dorton
Christopher Justin
De' Andre Marks
De' Andre Anderson
Ronald Allen

Honorary Pallbearers

Ronald Dorton Jr.
Joseph Griffin
Michael Kelly
Ronald Dorton Sr.
Eric Dorton
Otis McClain
Christopher Griffin
Bernard Bradley
Gary Dorton
Raymond Washington

*Forever carried by Brian K. Lester

Acknowledgements

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May God bless you.

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